"This funding will increase hiring and economic security in communities across our Valley," Costa said. "Creating good-paying jobs and growing our economy are my top priorities as I fight to make sure the Valley receives all the resources we need to get back on track."

Fresno City Housing Authority will receive \$240,735.00 Fresno County Housing Authority will receive \$243,579.00 Kern County Housing Authority will receive \$188,412.00 Kings County Housing Authority will receive \$56,667.00

Family self-sufficiency (FSS) is a HUD program that encourages communities to develop local strategies to help voucher families obtain employment that will lead to economic independence and self-sufficiency. Public housing agencies (PHAs) work with welfare agencies, schools, businesses, and other local partners to develop a comprehensive program that gives participating FSS family members the skills and experience to enable them to obtain employment that pays a living wage. A separate program, the public housing FSS program, is available for public housing residents.

FSS program services may include, but are not limited to:

- child care
- transportation
- education
- job training and employment counseling
- substance/alcohol abuse treatment or counseling
- household skill training
- · homeownership counseling